

Whitehall, with the exception of Officers of the local Forces of the Colonies possessing responsible Government, who will apply to the Private Secretary to the Inspector-General at the Horse Guards, Whitehall, for their cards for attendance or for presentation by the Inspector-General. The application must in all cases be supported by a credential from the Governor or Officer commanding the local Forces of the Colony.

Recorders, Metropolitan Police Magistrates, and other Stipendiary Magistrates, and all Gentlemen connected with the Home Office, are requested to make their application through the Private Secretary to the Home Secretary.

Judges, Law Officers, King's Counsel, and all Legal Officials holding appointments under the Crown, are requested to make their applications through the Private Secretary to the Lord Chancellor.

Similarly, all Gentlemen connected with the Foreign Office, Civil Staff of the War Office, or any Government Department, will communicate with and obtain their cards for attendance or presentation at Levées from the Department under which they serve.

Peers, Bishops, Members of Parliament, Officials connected with the Houses of Parliament, Clergy of all Denominations, and all Gentlemen other than the above-mentioned, will be good enough to communicate with the Lord Chamberlain at St. James' Palace, when they will each be furnished with a card of admission for use at the Levée.

The names, both for attendance and presentation, must be received at the various Offices above indicated not later than eight days prior to the date of each Levée.

Acknowledgment of applications will not be made, but cards of admission will be sent as soon as possible to the addressees given.

ALTHORP, Lord Chamberlain.

CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD.

LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S OFFICE,
ST. JAMES' PALACE, January 10, 1907.

The King has been graciously pleased to give orders for the following promotion in the Most Honourable Order of the Bath:—

To be an Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Second Class, or Knights Commanders:—
Frederick Graham, Esq., C.B.

CHANCERY OF THE ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER,
ST. JAMES' PALACE, January 7, 1907.

The King has been graciously pleased to make the following appointments to the Royal Victorian Order:—

To be Knight Grand Cross.

Spencer Compton, Duke of Devonshire, K.G.

To be Commander.

Lord Charles William Augustus Montagu.

To be Members of the Fourth Class.

Gilson Martin, Esq.

Edward Mason Wrench, Esq., F.R.C.S.

WHITEHALL, January 8, 1907.

The King was pleased, this day, at Buckingham Palace, to present to Captain Robert Walter Edmund Knollys, of the Indian Army, Assistant Political Agent at Chitral, the Albert Medal of the Second Class, conferred upon him, by His Majesty's command, for gallantry in saving life as detailed below—

On the 19th December 1905, Captain Knollys, who was returning from Peshawar, left Dir in order to cross the Lowarai Pass, with him being the Native Assistant, Chitral, a Government Clerk, Captain Knollys' Chitrali Orderly (Hasil), and two or three servants, also a few villagers and Dir Levies.

Having reached a point beyond Mirga, the snow was found to be too deep to allow of the Pass being crossed that day, and it was decided to stop at Gujar Levy Post, about five miles from the top of the Pass.

The snow was about six or seven feet deep, and was still falling. About half a mile from Gujar Post, the latter four of the party, including Captain Knollys and the Subedar Major of the Dir Levies, were suddenly caught and buried by an avalanche, which fell from a hill on their right. Captain Knollys' Chitrali orderly (Hasil) and a villager of Dir, named Muhammad Ali, who were in front, immediately ru-hed back, and succeeded in pulling Captain Knollys out, who, with their help, at once set to work to find the other three men, who were completely buried.

After about half an hour's hard work in several directions, the three men were found and extricated from the snow, one in an unconscious condition, the others conscious but very exhausted. During this half hour the three rescuers were in imminent peril of their lives, as the spot is notorious for the frequency of the avalanches which fall upon it, and it is moreover well known that when one avalanche has fallen at this place it is almost invariably followed in a very short time by a second. In remaining in the danger zone during the whole of this time, removing the snow with their hands only, and eventually rescuing all the three buried men, Captain Knollys and his two companions undoubtedly showed conspicuous courage and self-devotion.

On the day before this occurrence a succession of avalanches had fallen at another point in the same Pass, and overwhelmed a number of men who were bringing over ponies, 22 men and 11 ponies being killed; and during the 13 months preceding the end of December 1905, there had been four avalanche accidents on the Lowarai Pass, involving a total loss of 36 lives and 15 ponies.

Muhammad Ali of Dir and Hasil of Chitral are also to be decorated with the Albert Medal of the Second Class for their gallantry. The Medals will be presented in due course.